

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:156
ANSWERED ON:03.08.2005
STATUS OF GOLDEN QUADRILATERAL PROJECT
Murmu Shri Rupchand

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1218 dated December 8, 2004 and state:

- (a) the current status of the Golden Quadrilateral (GQ) North-South & East-West Corridors;
- (b) the targeted length to be completed by 31 March, 2006 of each of these corridors;
- (c) the target fixed for completion of the GQ project;
- (d) the status of land acquisition of each one of these, as on 30 June, 2005;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to provide incentives for timely completion and penalty for delayed completion of each of the sections of the project;
- (f) if so, the details in this regard; and
- (g) the effective measures undertaken by the Government to get the entire project completed at the earliest?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T. R. BAALU)

(a) to (g) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (g) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 156 FOR ANSWER ON 3RD AUGUST, 2005 ASKED BY MAJ. GEN. (RETD) B. C. KHANDURI, AVSM AND SHRI RUPCHAND MURMU REGARDING STATUS OF GOLDEN QUADRILATERAL PROJECT.

(a) The status of Golden Quadrilateral (GQ), North - South & East - West Corridors as on 30.06.2005 is as under:
(Length in Km)

S.No.	Project	Total Length	Completed	Under Implementation	To be awarded
1	Golden Quadrilateral	5846	4912	934	-

2	North-South and East-West Corridors (Actual length 7274)	7300	707	2459	4058
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(b) The details of targeted length to be completed by 31st March 2006 of each of these corridors are as under:

Sl. No.	Component	Cumulative target to be completed by March 2006
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1	Golden Quadrilateral	5491
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2	North-South and East-West Corridors	906
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(c) 92% length of the GQ is likely to be completed by the end of December, 2005. Except 157 km length involving 4 terminated contracts and 84 km length involving Allahabad bypass which was awarded only in 2004, rest of GQ (96%) is likely to be completed by June, 2006.

(d) For the Golden Quadrilateral, 92.5% of the land acquisition has been completed as on 30.6.2005. For North - South and East - West Corridors, total requirement of land would be known only after the Detailed Project Reports for all the stretches have been completed; however, 2232.64 hectares of land for North-South & East-West Corridors has been acquired till 30.6.2005.

(e) and (f) Under National Highway Authority of India funded / externally aided projects pertaining to the National Highway Development Project Phase - I & Phase - II, there is generally a provision of Bonus clause in the contracts for early completion which varies from contract to contract. However, this is generally 1% for each month of early completion subject to maximum of 6% of contract value. There is also a provision of penalty clause in the contracts for delay which varies from contract to contract. However, this is generally 0.05% per day of contract value subject to maximum 10% of final contract value. In BOT funded projects, period of concession includes period of construction also which acts as Bonus for early completion and penalty for delay in construction as the period of recovery of money invested by concessionaire by way of levy of road user fee (toll) increases or decreases depending on period of construction.

(g) Measures undertaken by the Government to get the entire project, completed at the earliest are given in Annexure-I.

ANNEXURE-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (g) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 156 FOR ANSWER ON 3RD AUGUST, 2005 ASKED BY MAJ. GEN. (RETD) B. C. KHANDURI, AVSM AND SHRI RUPCHAND MURMU REGARDING STATUS OF GOLDEN QUADRILATERAL PROJECT.

MEASURES UNDERTAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT TO GET THE ENTIRE PROJECT, COMPLETED AT THE EARLIEST.

(i) The Contracts are regularly monitored at various levels such as by Supervision Consultants/ Independent Engineers, Project Directors, National Highways Authority of India officials at Headquarters.

(ii) State Governments have appointed Senior officers as nodal officers for resolving problems associated with implementation of the National Highways Development Project such as land acquisition, removal of utilities, forest/ pollution/environment clearances etc.

(iii) A Committee of Secretaries has been constituted to address inter-ministerial and Central-States issues such as land acquisition, utility shifting, environment approvals, clearance of Road Over Bridges etc.

(iv) To expedite the construction of Road Over Bridges, an officer of the Railways has been posted to National Highways Authority of India to coordinate with Railways. Memorandum of Understanding has been signed with M/s IRCON International Limited.